

REMARKS

Examiner has requested that Applicants restrict the patent application to either claims 1-18 (Group I) or claims 19-24 (Group II).

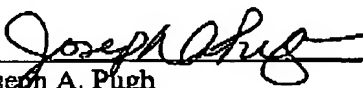
Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I. Consequently, the claims of Group II have been canceled. No claims have been amended or added.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-18 remain pending in the present application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application:

Respectfully submitted,

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